

--- Series of 1880-81 - TABAC CANADIEN / EN TORQUETTE - Division Open ---

--- 1/4th pound - lithographed in green ink - 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- Inscribed NE DOIT PAS COUVRIR PLUS / de 1/4 lb. ---

--- RT-3† - *coarse roulette* - with 4 mm. blue control numbering ---

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, green, Division Open, TABAC CANADIEN 1880-81 strip as follows:

RT-3† - 1/4th pound, Open, green, *coarse roulette*, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh - with 4 mm. blue controls - **WANTED!**

Lee Brandom describes this stamp as *unwatermarked*. Since he lists the **TP** copy as *block watermarked*, this may simply be a catalogue error, but possibly the control-numbered **RT-3** has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*, and is actually printed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh paper. Time will tell!

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